

RULES FOR THE SELECT COMMITTEE INTELLIGENCE

1. The Rules of the House are the Rules of the committee except as otherwise provided herein.

RULE 2. MEETING PROCEDURES

2.1 For the purpose of carrying out any of its functions and duties the committee is authorized to sit and act at such times and places within the United States whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned, and to hold hearings. The committee will meet at such times as may be fixed by the Chairman or by the written request of a majority of the Members of the committee in accordance with House Rule XI, clause 2(c). Members of the committee shall be given reasonable notice which, except in extraordinary circumstances, shall be at least 24 hours in advance of any meeting.

2.2 No general proxies may be used for any purpose. A member may vote by special proxy, which must be in writing, shall assert that the Member is unable to be present at the meeting of the committee, shall designate the person who is to execute the proxy authorization, and shall be limited to a specific measure or matter and any amendments or motions pertaining thereto; except that a Member may authorize a general proxy only for motions to recess, adjourn or other procedural matters. Each proxy to be effective shall be signed by the Member assigning his vote and shall contain the date and time of day that the proxy is signed. Proxies may not be counted for a quorum. All proxies must be

filed with the committee counsel and be available for inspection at any time.

2.3 No recommendation shall be reported or tabled by the committee unless a majority of the committee is actually present.

2.4 A rollcall of the Members may be had on the request of two Members.

2.5 A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of taking final action on matters before the committee. However, a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony and receiving evidence by the committee shall consist of two Members, at least one of which shall be a member of the Minority Party unless the ranking minority Member consents otherwise.

X 2.6 At each hearing the Chairman shall announce prior to the opening statement of the witness the subject of the investigation and a copy of the committee rules shall be made available to each witness.

2.7 The time any one Member may address the committee on any matter under consideration by the committee shall not exceed five minutes, and then only when he has been recognized by the Chairman, except that this time limit may be exceeded by unanimous consent.

2.8 Each committee meeting for the transaction of business shall be open to the public except when the committee, in open session and with a quorum being present, determines by rollcall vote that all or part of the remainder of the meeting on that day shall be closed to the public. No person other than Members

of the committee and such committee staff and such departmental representatives as may be authorized by the committee shall be

present at any business session which has been closed to the public: Provided, however, that the committee may hold joint hearings of meetings at the discretion of the Chairman in consultation with the ranking Minority Member with committees having concurrent jurisdiction over intelligence matters; and Provided, further that the committee may by the same procedure vote to close one subsequent meeting.

2.9 Each hearing conducted by the committee shall be open to the public except when the committee, in open session with a quorum being present, determines by rollcall vote that all or part of the remainder of that hearing on that day shall be closed to the public because disclosure of testimony, evidence or other matters to be considered would endanger the national security or would violate any law or rule of the House of Representatives. No person other than Members of the committee and committee staff and such departmental representatives as may be authorized by the committee shall be present at any hearing which has been closed to the public: Provided, however, that the committee may by the same procedure vote to close one subsequent day of hearing.

2.10 The committee shall make public announcement of the date, place and subject matter of the committee hearing at least one week before the commencement of the hearing. However, if the Chairman of the committee determines that there is good cause to begin the hearing sooner, he shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date. Any announcement made under this paragraph shall be promptly published in the Daily Digest.

RULE 3. SUBPOENAS

3.1 The committee may require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, papers, documents and ~~other memoranda and materials as it deems necessary.~~ Any such subpoena may be issued by the committee in the conduct of an investigation or activity or a series of investigations or activities, only when authorized by a majority of the Members of the committee, and authorized subpoenas shall be signed by the Chairman of the committee or by any Member designated by the Chairman. Each subpoena shall contain a copy of House Resolution 138, 94th Congress, 1st session. Compliance with any subpoena issued by the committee may be enforced only as authorized by the House.

RULE 4. PROCEDURES FOR TAKING TESTIMONY

4.1 When giving testimony, witnesses may be accompanied by their own counsel. There shall be no direct or cross examination by witness' counsel. The Chairman of the committee, or any Member of the committee or staff member designated by the Chairman may administer oaths to any witness.

4.2 Any prepared statement to be presented by a witness to the committee shall be submitted to the committee at least 72 hours in advance of presentation and shall be distributed to all Members of the committee at least 48 hours in advance of presentation.

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If a prepared statement contains security information bearing a classification the statement shall be made available only in the

X [committee rooms to all Members of the committee at least 48 hours in advance of presentation; however, no such statement shall be removed from the committee offices: Provided, however, that these requirements may be waived by the Chairman.

4.3 In the discretion of the committee, witnesses may submit brief and pertinent sworn statements for inclusion in the record. The committee is the sole judge of the pertinency of testimony and evidence adduced at its hearings.

4.4 If the committee determines that evidence or testimony at a hearing may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person, it shall:

- a. receive such evidence or testimony in executive session,
- b. afford such person an opportunity voluntarily to appear as a witness, and
- c. receive and dispose of requests from such person to subpoena additional witnesses

4.5 Except as provided in Rule 4.4 above, the Chairman shall receive and the committee shall dispose of requests to subpoena additional witnesses.

4.6 The minority party Members of the committee shall be entitled, upon timely request to the Chairman of a majority of them, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to the matter in question.

4.7 When a witness is before the committee, Members of the committee may put questions to the witness only when they have been recognized by the Chairman for that purpose

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Members of the committee who so desire shall have not to exceed five minutes to interrogate each witness until such time

as each Member has had an opportunity to interrogate such witness; thereafter, additional time for questioning witnesses by Members is discretionary with the Chairman.

4.9 No sworn depositions will be taken unless authorized by the Chairman, who shall inform the ranking Minority Member, or by vote of the committee.

RULE 5. COMMITTEE RECORDS

5.1 The result of each rollcall in any meeting of the committee shall be made available by the committee for public inspection in the offices of the committee pursuant to such procedures as the Chairman may establish. Information so available for public inspection shall include a description of the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition and the name of each Member voting for and each Member voting against such amendment, motion, order, or proposition, and whether by proxy or in person, and the names of those Members present but not voting: Provided, however, that the Chairman, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member shall take appropriate measures to delete classified or sensitive material.

5.2 The attendance records of Members at committee meetings shall be available for public inspection in the offices of the committee pursuant to such procedures as the Chairman may establish.

RULE 6. STAFF

6.1 The appointment of all staff members and consultants shall be made by the Chairman and the staff director in consultation with

the Ranking Minority Member. Staff members shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Chairman and Staff Director in consultation with the ranking Minority Member, and shall be responsive to all Members of the committee.

6.2 The staff of the committee shall not discuss either the substance or procedure of the work of the committee with anyone other than a Member of the committee or committee personnel.

6.3 As a condition of employment each staff member shall affirm that he fully understands the rules and regulations of the committee and agrees to abide by them. *that's all?*

6.4 The Chairman shall have the authority to utilize the services, information, facilities and personnel of the departments and establishments of the governments, and to procure the temporary and intermittent services of experts or consultants or organizations thereof to make studies or assist or advise the committee with respect to any matter under investigation.

RULE 7. PROTECTION OF PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS

7.1 All material and testimony received or obtained pursuant to House Resolution 138, 94th Congress, shall be deemed to have been received by the committee in executive session and shall be given appropriate safekeeping.

7.2 The Chairman in consultation with the ranking Minority Member of the committee shall, with the approval of the committee, establish such procedures as in his judgement may be necessary to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of all material and testimony received or obtained pursuant to House Resolution 138,

this information by any Member of the committee under such procedures as may be established by the committee.

7.3 Until such time as the committee has submitted its final report to the House, classified or other sensitive information in the committee records and files shall not be made available or disclosed to other than the committee membership and the committee staff, except as may be otherwise determined by the committee.

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House rules*

RULE 8 . COMMITTEE REPORT

8.1 If, at any time of approval of any report by the committee, any Member of the committee gives notice of intention to file supplemental, minority, or additional views, that Member shall be entitled to not less than five calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) in which to file such views, in writing and signed by that Member, with the Staff Director of the committee. All such views so filed by one or more Members of the committee shall be included within, and shall be a part of, the report filed by the committee with respect to that matter.

RULE 9. RULE CHANGES

9.1 These rules may be amended or replaced by the committee, provided that a notice in writing of the proposed change has been given to each Member at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at which action thereon is to be taken.

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SECURITY REGULATIONS

- 1) The Chairman, the ranking minority Member and the staff director shall at all times have access to and be responsible for all papers and things received from any source by subpoena or otherwise. Other Members of the committee shall have access in accordance with the procedures hereafter set forth.
- 2) The security officer will maintain all classified and sensitive information in secure safes in the committee spaces and will maintain current records of the receipt, internal handling and disposition of such classified information.
- 3) The Chairman shall designate information as 'sensitive' in consultation with the ranking minority Member and the staff director.
- 4) Only Members of the committee and properly cleared committee staff may have access to material and testimony received or obtained pursuant to House Resolution 138, 94th Congress.
- 5) All committee staff members with a need to handle classified information will have appropriate security clearances.
- 6) Material and testimony received or obtained pursuant to House Resolution 138, 94th Congress may be ^{examined} only in the committee rooms and the committee hearing room.
- 7) Members of the committee desiring access to classified information will be required to identify the information they desire and sign the Information Sheet.
- 8) Material and testimony received or obtained pursuant to House Resolution 138, 94th Congress will be read by the committee Members in a reading room designated for the purpose.

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material and the time of arrival and departure of all Members having access to classified information.

10) A staff representative will ensure that the classified documents used by the Member are returned to the proper custodian or to original safekeeping as appropriate.

11) No notes, reproductions or recordings may be made of any portion of such classified information for use outside committee spaces.

12) The contents of such classified or sensitive information or any working papers or memoranda of the committee or any material and testimony received or obtained pursuant to House Resolution 138, 94th Congress will not be divulged to any unauthorized person in any way, form, shape or manner.

What about a signed security agreement

What about any sanctions -- dismissal? >

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PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE
RESOLUTION 138

FEBRUARY 18, 1975.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. MURPHY of Illinois, from the Committee on Rules,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 174]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 174, by a nonrecord vote, reports the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution do pass.

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"Sec. 6. (a) The select committee shall institute and carry out such rules and procedures as it may deem necessary to prevent (1) the disclosure, outside the select committee, of any information relating to the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency or any other department or agency of the Federal Government engaged in intelligence activities, obtained by the select committee during the course of its study and investigation, not authorized by the select committee to be disclosed; and (2) the disclosure, outside the select committee, of any information which would adversely affect the intelligence activities of the Central Intelligence Agency in foreign countries or the intelligence activities in foreign countries of any other department or agency of the Federal Government;

"(b) No employee of the select committee or any person engaged by contract or otherwise to perform services for the select committee shall be given access to any classified information by the select committee unless such employee or person has received an appropriate security clearance as determined by the select committee. The type of security clearance to be required in the case of any such employee or person shall, within the determination of the select committee, be commensurate with the sensitivity of the classified information to which such employee or person will be given access by the select committee;

"(c) As a condition for employment as described in section 5 of this resolution, each person shall agree not to accept any honorarium, royalty, or other payment for a speaking engagement, magazine article, book, or other endeavor connected with the investigation and study undertaken by this committee."

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES }

REPORT
No. 94-351

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ESTABLISHING A SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

JULY 11, 1975.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. BOLLING, from the Committee on Rules
submitted the following

REPORT

together with

ADDITIONAL VIEWS

[To accompany H. Res. 591]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 591, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution do pass, and submit the following report in explanation of the accompanying resolution creating a Select Committee on Intelligence.

PURPOSE

H. Res. 591 establishes a Select Committee on Intelligence to be composed of 13 Members and having the identical jurisdiction as provided in H. Res. 138. H. Res. 591 abolishes the Select Committee on Intelligence which was created by H. Res. 138 and transfers the funds allocated to that select committee to the select committee created by this resolution. All papers, documents and other materials of the existing select committee are transferred to the new select committee.

SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR PROVISIONS

Section 2 of the bill provides that the select committee is authorized and directed to conduct an inquiry into:

- (1) the collection, analysis, use and cost of intelligence information and allegations of illegal or improper activities of intelligence agencies in the United States and abroad;
- (2) the procedures and effectiveness of coordination among and between the various intelligence components of the United States Government;
- (3) the nature and extent of executive branch oversight and control of United States intelligence activities;

(4) the need for improved or reorganized oversight by the Congress of the United States intelligence activities;

(5) the necessity, nature, and extent of overt and covert intelligence activities by United States intelligence instrumentalities in the United States and abroad;

(6) the procedures for and means of the protection of sensitive intelligence information;

(7) procedures for and means of the protection of rights and privileges of citizens of the United States from illegal or improper intelligence activities; and

(8) such other related matters as the select committee shall deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

Section 3 provides that the select committee, in carrying out the purposes of this resolution, is authorized to inquire into the activities of the following:

(1) the National Security Council;

(2) the United States Intelligence Board;

(3) the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board;

(4) the Central Intelligence Agency;

(5) the Defense Intelligence Agency;

(6) the intelligence components of the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force;

(7) the National Security Agency;

(8) the Intelligence and Research Bureau of the Department of State;

(9) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(10) the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Justice;

(11) The Energy Research and Development Administration; and

(12) any other instrumentalities of the United States Government engaged in or otherwise responsible for intelligence operations in the United States and abroad.

Section 4 grants the Select Committee subpoena power over the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, papers, and documents as it deems necessary.

Section 6 provides that the Select Committee shall institute and carry out such rules and procedures as it may deem necessary to prevent the disclosure, outside the Select Committee, of (1) any information relating to the activities of any department or agency of the Federal Government engaged in intelligence activities obtained by the Select Committee during the course of its investigation, not authorized to be disclosed; and (2) any information which would adversely affect the intelligence activities in foreign countries of any department or agency of the Federal Government.

Section 8 authorizes and directs the Select Committee to report to the House no later than January 3, 1976.

Section 10 transfers the unexpended funds of the existing Select Committee to the new Select Committee. It also transfers all papers, documents, and other materials of the existing Select Committee to the new Select Committee.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The Committee on Rules held one day of hearings on H. Res. 138 on February 18, 1975. On that day, the Committee reported H. Res. 138 by a voice vote. H. Res. 138, as amended, passed the House by a vote of 286 to 120 on February 19, 1975.

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Committee on Rules held two days of hearings and markup on July 9 and 10, 1975, on the resolution. During the hearings Representatives Sisk, McClory, Harrington, Dellums, and Kasten presented testimony. The Committee ordered reported H. Res. 591 by a record vote of 10 ayes and 4 nays on July 10, 1975.

STATEMENT UNDER CLAUSE 2(1)(3), AND CLAUSE 2(1)(4) OF RULE XI OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A. Oversight statement

The Committee made no special oversight findings on this resolution.

B. Budget statement

No budget statement is submitted.

C. Estimate of the Congressional Budget Office

No estimate or comparison was received from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office as referred to in subdivision (C) of Clause 2(1)(3) of House Rule XI.

D. Oversight findings and recommendations of the Committee on Government Operations

No findings or recommendations of the Committee on Government Operations were received as referred to in subdivision (d) of clause 2(1)(3) of House Rule XI.

CHANGES IN HOUSE RESOLUTION 138 ADOPTED BY THE 94TH CONGRESS

In compliance with clause 4(d) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the text which is proposed to be repealed is enclosed in black brackets and new matter is printed in italic:

[Resolved, That (a) there is hereby established in the House of Representatives a Select Committee on Intelligence to conduct an inquiry into the organization, operations, and oversight of the intelligence community of the United States Government.

(b) The select committee shall be composed of ten Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker shall designate one of the Members as chairman.

(c) For the purposes of this resolution the select committee is authorized to sit during sessions of the House and during the present Congress whether or not the House has recessed or adjourned. A majority of the members of the select committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business except that the select committee may

designate a lesser number as a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony.

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SEC. 5. To enable the select committee to carry out the purposes of this resolution, it is authorized to employ investigators, attorneys, consultants, or organizations thereof, and clerical, stenographic, and other assistance.

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SEC. 7. The expenses of the select committee under this resolution shall not exceed \$750,000 of which amount not to exceed \$100,000 shall be available for the procurement of the services of individual consultants or organizations thereof. Such expenses shall be paid from the contingent fund of the House upon vouchers signed by the chairman of the select committee and approved by the Speaker.

SEC. 8. The select committee is authorized and directed to report to the House with respect to the matters covered by this resolution as soon as practicable but no later than January 3, 1976.

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Sec. 9. The authority granted herein shall expire three months after the filing of the report with the House of Representatives.

Sec. 10. The Select Committee established by H. Res. 138 is abolished immediately upon the adoption of this resolution. Unexpended funds authorized for the use of the Select Committee under H. Res. 138 and all papers, documents, and other materials generated by the select committee shall be transferred immediately upon the adoption of this resolution to the select committee created by this resolution.

ADDITIONAL VIEWS OF THE HONORABLE
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At this critical impasse in the intelligence inquiry, the House must decide whether it simply wants to play a game of reverse musical chairs with its intelligence committee (add more chairs for more players to march in wider circles to the same tune), or whether it wants to seize on the moment to take a more constructive step forward by both completing the present investigation and creating a more permanent intelligence oversight mechanism for the Congress.

House Resolution 591 adopts the former approach in the hope that dilution is the solution (especially if certain active and inactive ingredients can be separated in the process). This would seem to be a workable formula (assuming the new solvent mixes well with the base). But no mix of magic potions (or metaphors) can cloud the fact that we are going to rather lengthy extremes to accomplish a very limited objective: we are abolishing a committee for the sole purpose of removing one or two members, then resurrecting it (Phoenix-like) with an expanded membership.

As long as we're going to all this trouble, would it not make sense to accomplish more in the process, namely, taking the first step toward creating a permanent joint committee on intelligence oversight? Is there any reason to wait another six months or more for the House and Senate intelligence committees to make this inevitable recommendation, especially when it has already been proposed by the Rockefeller and Murphy commissions and numerous bills and resolutions have been introduced to implement this proposal?

I intend to offer a substitute resolution aimed at achieving the dual objectives of completing the present investigation and moving forward on the joint committee proposal. Under the terms of my substitute, as soon as the House adopts a bill or resolution creating a permanent joint committee on intelligence oversight (by whatever name), it shall be in order to immediately appoint the House members for the purpose of assuming the full authority presently delegated to our Select Committee on Intelligence. The House half of the joint committee would serve as an interim ad hoc committee on intelligence until such time that the Senate takes final action on the joint committee proposal. The interim ad hoc committee would operate under the provisions and conditions, and using the remaining available funds, of House Resolution 138 (which established the Select Committee on Intelligence), and all papers, documents and other materials generated by the Select Committee would be transferred to the interim ad hoc committee.

The main objection raised to this proposal is that there would be a lull in the investigation between the adoption of my resolution and subsequent House action on the joint committee measure. I do not think this presents a significant problem in that the chairman of the Rules Committee pledged on July 10 to set hearings on the joint committee proposal at the earliest convenience of the committee. And, as

I have already indicated, several excellent bills are now pending in the committee to accomplish this. There is no reason why the Rules Committee could not report such a bill to the House before the August recess once the House makes clear through the adoption of my resolution that this is the course it wishes to pursue. Since my resolution also provides for the payment of select committee staff salaries one month beyond the abolition of the select committee, there would be no problem for the new interim ad hoc committee to retain what existing staff it desired.

In conclusion, I would urge the House to take a positive step forward through the adoption of my substitute rather than simply shuffling a few chairs.

JOHN B. ANDERSON.

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